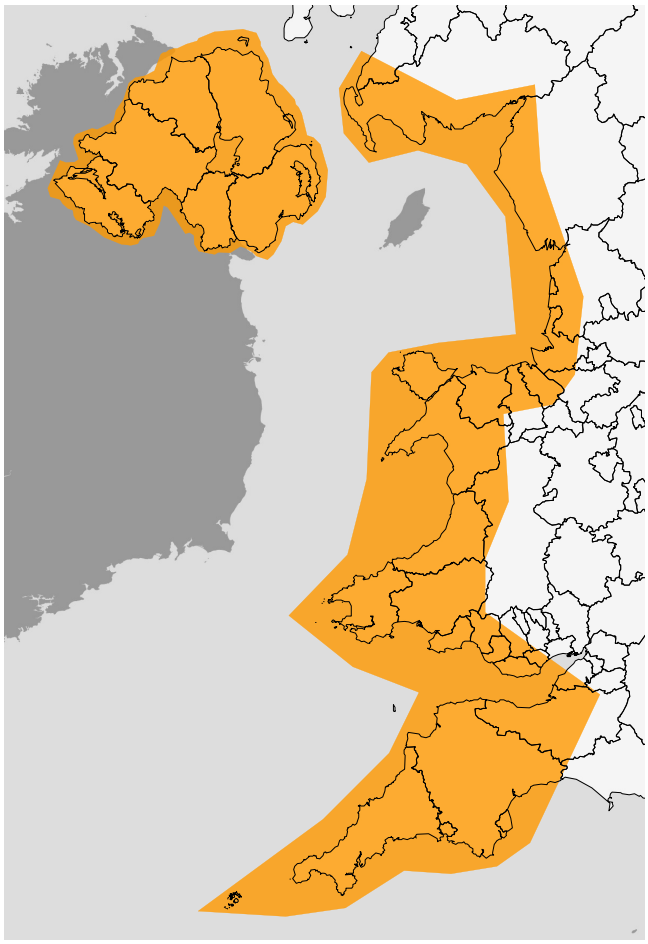
Amber warning
Wind

Between
03:00 Sat 7 Dec 2024 and
21:00 Sat 7 Dec 2024



Potentially damaging winds associated with Storm Darragh

What to expect

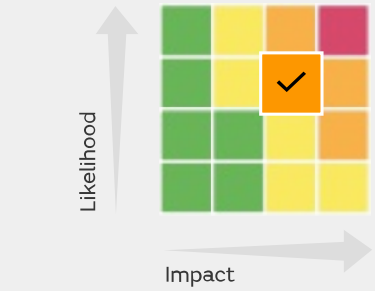
- Flying debris is likely and could lead to Injuries or danger to life
- Probably some damage to buildings, such as tiles blown from roofs
- Longer journey times and cancellations likely, as road, rail, air and ferry services may be affected
- Some roads and bridges likely to close, with falling trees an additional hazard
- There is a good chance that power cuts may occur, with the potential to affect other services, such as mobile phone coverage
- Injuries and danger to life is likely from large waves and beach material being thrown onto coastal roads, sea fronts and properties

Further details

A period of very strong northerly or northwesterly winds is likely to develop during Saturday as Storm Darragh moves from west to east. Gusts of 70 to 80 mph are likely around exposed coasts and headlands, where some very large waves are likely, whilst gusts of 60 to 70 mph are likely inland. The strongest winds will ease from the west through the afternoon.

A Yellow warning for wind remains in effect until 0600 on Sunday morning.

What should I do?



Medium likelihood of medium impacts

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Further Details (continued)

Driving in these conditions can be dangerous, for yourself and other road users. If you must drive, you can do this more safely by taking the following actions; drive slowly to minimise the impact of wind gusts, be aware of high sided vehicles/caravans on more exposed roads and be cautious when overtaking, and give cyclists, motorcyclists, lorries, and buses more room than usual.

Being outside in high winds makes you more vulnerable to injury. Stay indoors as much as possible. If you do go out, try not to walk, or shelter, close to buildings and trees. In advance of high winds, check for loose items outside your home and secure them. Items include; bins, garden furniture, trampolines, tents, sheds, and fences.

If you are on the coast, stay safe during stormy weather by being aware of large waves. Even from the shore large breaking waves can sweep you off your feet and out to sea. Take care if walking near cliffs; know your route and keep dogs on a lead. In an emergency, call 999 and ask for the Coastguard.

People cope better with power cuts when they have prepared for them in advance. It's easy to do; consider gathering torches and batteries, a mobile phone power pack and other essential items. Stay up to date with the weather forecast for your area and follow advice from emergency services and local authorities.

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All regions & authorities affected

North West England

Blackpool Cheshire West and Chester Cumbria Halton Lancashire Merseyside

Northern Ireland

County Antrim County Armagh County Down County Fermanagh County Londonderry County Tyrone

SW Scotland, Lothian Borders

Dumfries and Galloway

South West England

Bath and North East Somerset Cornwall Devon Dorset Isles of Scilly North Somerset Plymouth Somerset Torbay

Strathclyde

South Ayrshire

Wales

Bridgend Caerphilly Cardiff Carmarthenshire Ceredigion Conwy Denbighshire Flintshire Gwynedd Isle of Anglesey Neath Port Talbot Newport Pembrokeshire Powys Rhondda Cynon Taf Swansea Vale of Glamorgan Wrexham

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